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1. The usual Soviet harbor security and pilot procedures were in effect. 50X1-HUM
2. It was snowing heavily during most of the time that [] ship was in Riga. There was much ice in Riga Bay, which enforced a reduced speed. [] there was a strong breeze blowing. 50X1-HUM
3. [] approximately three nautical miles from the pilot station, Riga Road, [] two submarines on a course for the Daugava estuary. Both submarines came from the north. The first submarine was quite large and traveled at a speed of approximately 12 knots. [] 50X1-HUM
- [] The second submarine, approximately half a mile after the first, was somewhat larger and had a gun on the foredeck. Both submarines entered the winter harbor at Daugavgriva. [] in a southwesterly 50X1-HUM
- [] direction from the pilot buoy two naval vessels and one submarine on a course for the Daugava estuary. The first vessel [] was a small escort vessel. The second vessel was somewhat larger than the first, appeared to be older, [] This vessel had a 50X1-HUM
- slightly raked bow, a wide rounded cruiser stern without bulwarks, a high 50X1-HUM
- and straight funnel, a signal mast located directly aft of the bridge, a small mast with a boom located all the way aft, and a cannon on the foredeck. The submarine was much smaller than the two other vessels, and had a square box-like conning tower. The submarine changed course several times and finally followed behind a tug which was entering the harbor, probably because of the ice. The submarine conning tower was covered with snow and ice [] 50X1-HUM
- [] All vessels entered the winter harbor.

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4. [redacted] approximately five miles west of
Kolkas Pass a squadron of eight vessels in line formation. One small ice
breaker [redacted] and seven smaller naval vessels [redacted]
[redacted] composed the formation. There was much ice in the water. 50X1-HUM
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5. [redacted] vessel entered the harbor [redacted]
[redacted] a depot vessel was there, as well as a BO escort vessel. The submarines
mentioned in paragraph 3 of this report were not seen. [redacted]
[redacted] Thirty-one MFB's and landing craft laid up on land were identified
as being of different types. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] At Alte Grubmühlen [redacted] large repair
shops and a large floating dock. [redacted] large cranes of the type used in
ship construction.
6. [redacted] the Soviet freighter Vaga of about 3,000 tons.
This vessel was unloading sacks. [redacted]
the freighter M/S Vilnyus, Arhangelsk, of about 8,000 tons, arrived. It
unloaded cargo in sacks. The Vilnyus is a modern looking vessel [redacted]
[redacted] It is a flush decker, has a cruiser bow, a rounded stern, a large
center island, and cargo holds and cargo booms on the main deck; the funnel is
streamlined.
7. Air activity during the visit of [redacted] ship was negligible. 50X1-HUM

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